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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	
SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION,	
D1-:-4:C6	Adversary Proceeding
Plaintiff,	No. 08-01789 (BRL)
-against-	
BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT SECURITIES,	SIPA Liquidation
LLC,	OBJECTION TO TRUSTEE'S
Defendants.	MOTION TO AFFIRM <u>DETERMINATION OF CLAIM</u>
In re BERNARD L. MADOFF,	
Debtor	
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Saucelle Investment SA Panama ("Saucelle"), by and through its attorney of record,
Withers Bergman LLP, hereby submits this Opposition to the Trustee's Motion for an Order to
Affirm the Trustee's Determinations Denying certain claims.

- 1. Saucelle timely filed a claim against the estate, on or about July 2, 2009. The Trustee assigned Saucelle a claim number; *i.e.*, Claim Number 015356. (*See also*, Exs. 2 and 3 to the June 11, 2010 Declaration of David Sheehan identifying Saucelle's claims).
- 2. By letter dated December 8, 2009, the Trustee informed Saucelle that "[b]ased on a review of available books and records of BLMIS by the Trustee's staff, you do not have an account with BLMIS. Because you did not have an account, you are not a customer of BLMID

under SIPA, as that term is defined at 15 U.S.C. § 78lll(2). Accordingly, your Claim for securities and/or a credit balance is **DENIED**."

- 3. Saucelle timely served and filed its objection to the denial on January 5, 2010. A copy of its objection is annexed hereto as Exhibit A. A copy of the Trustee's denial letter dated December 8, 2009 is annexed hereto as Exhibit B.
- 4. For all of the reasons set forth in its Amended Objection, which is incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth herein, the Trustee's motion should be denied.
- 5. As the Trustee has previously acknowledged, Madoff structured his scheme such that only a limited number of entities "directly" invested in BLMIS, with investments being made by many investors, such as Saucelle, through the limited number of feeder funds approved by Madoff. The Trustee, in denying such investors' claims, has asserted a highly technical interpretation of the relevant SIPA statutes. However, individuals and entities who invested with BLMIS through feeder funds are exactly the type of investors for whom SIPA was enacted to protect, and they should not be penalized because of the structure Madoff himself created to advance his fraud.
- 6. Saucelle hereby joins in the objections and any memoranda of law submitted by all other similarly situated claimants who object to the Trustee's motion, and hereby adopts their arguments to the extent they are applicable to Saucelle.
- 7. For all of these reasons stated, Saucelle's claim should be allowed in full, the Trustee's motion should be denied, and Saucelle shall obtain such other and further relief as to the Court appears just and proper.

Dated: July 12, 2010

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